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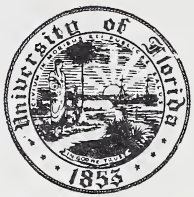

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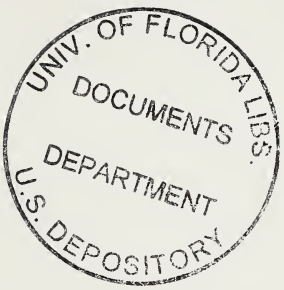
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Biography

Daniel John Ronan was born in Chicago, Cook County, Ill., July 13, 1914; attended parochial schools; graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1933, from Loyola University, Chicago, Ill., in 1938, and took postgraduate work at Loyola University, 1939–41 and 1947–48; majored in economics and political history; served in Army Air Force communications as a cryptographer in the China-Burma-India theater, 1942–45; member of the State house of representatives, 1948–52; alderman, 1951–64; was appointed acting ward committeeman in 1959, elected in 1960, and reelected in 1964; member of the Chicago Plan Commission, 1959–64; elected as a Democrat to the 89th, 90th, and 91st Congresses; served from January 3, 1965, until his death in Chicago, Ill., August 13, 1969; interment in Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, Hillside, Ill.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
DANIEL JOHN RONAN

Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *September 3, 1969.*

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I notify the House and my colleagues of the passing of a great friend and truly great Illinoisan and colleague, DANIEL J. RONAN. DAN RONAN passed away on August 13.

I would like to mention that Congressman RONAN was a public servant extraordinaire. All of his adult life, from the time he served in the U.S. Army, in the Illinois General Assembly and the city council and here in the House of Representatives he was not only a great public servant but a great man.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 525) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 525

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable DANIEL J. RONAN, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolutions were agreed to.

TUESDAY, *September 9, 1969.*

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved as I join with distinguished colleagues who eulogize today the life and accomplishments of a truly great political leader—the Honorable DAN

RONAN, Representative from the Sixth District of Illinois. Words alone cannot fully express the omnibus contributions that this man made to his constituents over the past 20 years in all levels of government.

Active in politics since his youth, DAN RONAN commenced his elective political career in 1948, when at the age of 34 years old he won election to the Illinois General Assembly. DAN'S tenure in this body was limited to 3 years because in 1951, he was elected alderman from Chicago's 30th ward. He served in the Chicago City Council from 1951 to 1965. During the 14-year period DAN had the honor of serving as chairman of the traffic and public safety committee and chairman of the important building and zoning committee. As a State representative and alderman, DAN was a champion for the cause of social justice and equality for all persons without regard for their race, color, or creed. He was a leader in the fight for strong laws regulating the sale and distribution of narcotics.

In 1964, DAN RONAN embarked on the road to higher public office when he was elected, overwhelmingly, to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Sixth District of Illinois. In the House he was chosen to serve as a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and its Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics. As a member of this important committee, DAN labored quietly but effectively to promote the best interests of Chicago, the transportation hub of the world; and of Illinois, the center of our Nation's commerce. He was instrumental in having rescinded an arbitrary order of the Federal Aviation Administration prohibiting direct commercial airplane service to our great city and the Midwest from Washington National Airport. During his all-too-brief tenure in the Congress, he was recognized by Democrats and Republicans alike for his careful deliberations and fair decisions which were always rendered in favor of the people he represented.

Essentially, DAN RONAN was a private man. He willingly worked in the background lending his considerable efforts and talents to others without expecting, in fact preferring not to share in the legislative limelight. His capacity to listen to all sides of a question or problem and his quiet manner in asserting his own views won DAN a legion of friends. It was these attributes that gained him his wide popularity as a political leader and contributed greatly to his effectiveness as a public official.

My heart goes out to his wonderful mother and his two sisters. But, in addition to their great loss, his constituents have lost a dedicated public servant, the country has lost an able Congressman, and I have lost a close personal friend.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Honorable DANIEL J. RONAN, who represented the Sixth District of Illinois in the Congress of the United States during the 89th, 90th, and 91st Congresses. DAN RONAN was not only my colleague, but a dear friend for over 25 years.

DAN RONAN died unexpectedly on August 13, 1969. His loss is a tremendous loss personally for me and my family, and for hundreds and thousands of Chicagoans who knew him, and who respected and admired his outstanding record of dedicated public service.

As secretary-treasurer of the Illinois CIO Political Action Committee, I met DAN RONAN in 1948 during his first try for public office. He was elected then, and again in 1950, as a member of the house of representatives in the Illinois State Legislature.

From that day to this, he was like a member of my own family. The people of his community elected him as their alderman from 1951 to 1965 and ward committeeman for the 30th ward from 1959 to 1969. As an alderman in the City Council of Chicago, he served as chairman of the powerful Committee on Building and Zoning, and in this capacity, he did an outstanding job in protecting the rights of our citizens under the zoning laws of the city of Chicago.

During the 5 years he served in the U.S. Congress, he was a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and led the successful fight by the Chicago congressional delegation against an order by the Federal Aviation Administration halting nonstop plane service between Chicago and Washington's National Airport.

When DAN RONAN was only 4 years old, his father died. Despite this tragic loss, DAN, in the best of American traditions, assumed responsibility, worked hard, and grew up to become one of the most respected members of his community and a powerful voice in the Congress of the United States.

He was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and Loyola University where he earned a B.A. degree in economics and political history.

He also had done postgraduate work at Loyola University from 1939 to 1941 and again from 1947 to 1948.

During World War II, he served 42 months with the U.S. Air Force as a cryptographer in the China-Burma-India Theater.

Three of our outstanding veterans organizations, the American Legion, the AMVETS, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, were proud to list DAN RONAN as one of their members.

Congressman RONAN was also affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and with other civic organizations.

DAN RONAN was a quiet and unassuming man, who had great insight and a profound understanding of the American political scene. He had a ready smile, and a quip that fitted every circumstance. This unique faculty was appreciated by all who knew him, for when seriousness prevailed in a room, he knew how to get everyone smiling again.

As a legislator in the House of Representatives, DAN firmly believed that it was the duty of political officials and elected representatives of Government to alleviate the plight and suffering of the poor and disadvantaged through enactment of far-reaching legislation to provide better housing, better education, more jobs, and more opportunities for all of our people. He was a genuine American in every sense of the word who stanchly supported the democratic principles established by our Founding Fathers.

DAN RONAN's death leaves a void in our community which will be difficult to fill, but his family and his friends can be proud of the tremendous contribution he made on behalf of the little people of America.

I have lost a real pal and a genuine friend, and his family has lost a dedicated son and brother. DAN is survived by his mother, Mrs. Justina Ronan, his two sisters, Mrs. Betty Dlouhy and Mrs. Eileen Burke, two nephews and a niece.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing DAN RONAN as a friend and colleague for so many years deeply mourn his passing, and our hearts go out to his bereaved family.

Mrs. Annunzio joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the members of DAN RONAN's family on their great loss.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from Illinois and other Members of the House in associating myself with the tribute

which my friend, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Rostenkowski) has made to the life and service of a wonderful man and friend, DAN RONAN. DAN quickly endeared himself to all the Members of the House. His service here, though relatively brief, was outstanding. He served on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He worked quietly but effectively and has made an imprint on the House and on every Member of the House that will long endure. He was one of the most cooperative colleagues I have ever known.

I am happy to say that DANNY was my friend. He was as kind and considerate, as gentlemanly and as compassionate as any man I have ever known. I shall miss this wonderful friend, this able legislator, this great human being.

My heart goes out to his mother and sisters and to his friends who must be numbered in legions. May the Heavenly Father be with them in their sorrow.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, while I have already expressed my words of deep sympathy in the passing of our late colleague and friend, Congressman DANIEL J. RONAN, I want to join with my friend, the gentleman from Illionis (Mr. Rostenkowski), and the other Members of the Illinois delegation, in again expressing my keen regrets and to say how deeply I feel in his passing.

DAN RONAN, as has been stated—and in which I thoroughly concur—enjoyed the complete respect and confidence of his colleagues, whether they were Democrat or Republican. He was a very effective Member of the House, taking his work in committee seriously and taking the deliberations on the floor of the House equally seriously. He was one who wielded a powerful imprint by his wisdom and his advice and by his sound judgment, particularly in connection with the consideration of bills that came before one of the most prominent committees of the House, of which he was a member, the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

DAN RONAN possessed unusual qualifications. His outlook on life was noble, uplifting and inspiring. His was a very attractive personality—always pleasant—and always with a smile on his face, that made a powerful impression upon his colleagues.

When I received word of his death, I was shocked, and I know my colleagues are shocked, as well as countless thousands of his friends both in and outside of his congressional district were shocked.

I immediately made a telephone call to one of his sisters to convey to his mother and his sisters not only my shock but Mrs. McCormack's as well.

DAN RONAN had a very fine and refreshing outlook—not only on life—but as a legislator. He was always found supporting progressive legislation that was in the best interest of the people of our country and particularly in the interest of the little fellow, if I might refer to some people in that way, and those who might be forgotten.

DAN RONAN thought of the sick and the afflicted and the underprivileged. He thought of those who were persecuted. He thought of those whose economic outlook on life was an adverse one and he was always trying, by and through voting for progressive legislation to bring hope and confidence in the minds of people through such progressive legislation. One could enumerate so many bills.

His years of service in this body—cut short by death—were productive and constructive. And while they were not many years in terms of service to this body, he did make his marked imprint upon the legislative history of this body.

The people of his district are justified in feeling proud of the service that DAN RONAN rendered for them as well as for the people of the State of Illinois. He always reflected great credit upon them.

Mrs. McCormack joins with me in expressing and extending to his dear mother and to his two sisters our deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Mr. PRICE of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the passing of DAN RONAN came as a great shock to me. Only the day before he and others of our colleagues were gathered in the House restaurant as we were wont to do frequently during an afternoon session.

DAN RONAN was an effective Member of the House of Representatives. He was an effective member of the great committee to which he was assigned, the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He enjoyed his work on that committee. He had a quick and a pleasant wit about him. He could bring a laugh at the proper moment to relieve many a tense situation.

He was well trained for his position here in the House as a former member of the Illinois General Assembly and as a member of the city council of the great city of Chicago. His political philosophy was progressive, and he indicated this in the great compassion that he showed for his fellow man.

His voting record was one that showed that uppermost in his mind was, as the great Speaker of this House, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McCormack), just stated, his interest in the underprivileged and those who needed help most. He was a great legislator, an able legislator, and those of us who were close to him shall miss him greatly.

Mrs. Price joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his mother and to his two sisters.

Mr. PUCINSKI. I join with the gentleman in the well and my colleagues in paying tribute to our late colleague, Congressman DAN RONAN. There is no question that he was a very compassionate friend, a great legislator, an honest political leader, and a dedicated son. We were all inspired to witness the deep devotion he had for his ailing mother, and to note the times he would leave here on weekends to fly back home to be with her as she was trying to recuperate from her illness.

We marveled and admired his quiet council here in this Chamber. President Nixon could very well have been speaking of DAN RONAN today when he delivered that beautiful eulogy about a "politician" in the rotunda in relation to another one of our colleagues. The President said that work in a committee does not necessarily provide headlines, but provides great legislation.

DAN RONAN was a quiet Member in this Chamber. He did not participate frequently in debate, but he was a dedicated Member. He spent a great deal of time in his committee, and he was a well informed Member because he spent a great deal of time here in this Chamber listening to debate. You could always find out from DAN RONAN the complex structure of issues that come before this House because he did his homework well. He studied the reports. He was an impressive and effective political leader in one of the finest political organizations in Chicago, the 30th ward. He was a committeeman. He took on that difficult job of providing political leadership.

Too often we tend to malign those who take on such great responsibility, forgetting that, without political leaders, this democracy could not very long survive as a free nation. Someone has to do the job, and DAN RONAN was willing to do that job as a leader. We are going to miss him.

As my colleague from southern Illinois said a little while ago, DAN was an effective member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. I had occasion to discuss with him many of the problems that confront our city—the jet noise at O'Hare Field, the heavy traffic at O'Hare Field, the heavy traffic into our docks, the problems the St. Lawrence Seaway is now encountering, the state of our harbor facilities. DAN RONAN was a quiet man, but, as you sat and discussed with him these various big issues, you could not help but be impressed and amazed about how well he knew his subject and how well informed he was. He was a giant among legislators.

This House is going to miss him. The people of Chicago are going to miss him. The people of Illinois are going to miss him, and the people of his district are going to miss him.

Mrs. Pucinski joins me in extending our deepest condolences to his mother and his family on his untimely death. It is a great loss to all of us.

Mr. DAWSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a feeling of deep emotion that I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the outstanding life of public service of our late fellow-Chicagoan, Hon. DANIEL J. RONAN.

In such a brief span of years, DAN RONAN has served the city of his birth, his State, his beloved country, and his God with honor and distinction; and he has suddenly departed this life leaving us, his friends and admirers, saddened of heart but enriched by having known him.

Long before this day, the people of Illinois, particularly the citizens of Chicago and Cook County, had paid tribute to DAN RONAN. He was their choice as representative in the Illinois General Assembly for 3 years; as city alderman for 13 years; and as Sixth District Representative in the U.S. Congress for 3 consecutive terms.

DAN RONAN'S was a life of public service, spanning a quarter century, devoted to the cause of justice and dignity for all mankind. It seems fitting, therefore, to recall words from that immortal address delivered more than a century ago by another devoted public servant from Illinois:

> The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

And a little later, Lincoln said:

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

To the members of the Ronan family, I extend deep and sincere sympathy and I share their great loss.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of Representative DANIEL J. RONAN has left his friends and colleagues with hearts bowed in deepest sorrow.

As a dedicated public servant, DAN pursued his career with a firm faith, an unwavering hope for a better world, and unflinching courage.

As a fellow citizen of the great State of Illinois, I was privileged to know DAN better than most. He was an intensely proud man yet his pride was tempered by humility. He was proud of his participation as a cryptographer in World War II, yet humble because his life had been spared in that great conflict, which was fought for freedom and the dignity of man.

He was proud of his public service as an Illinois State Representative and as alderman of Chicago, yet humble before the people who gave him their trust and support.

He was proud to be a Member of the House of Representatives and of his seat on the important Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, yet grateful and humble in the knowledge that he had been given the opportunity to serve his country and State.

From his record it will be seen that Representative RONAN was an active, earnest, and zealous worker. But his labors in behalf of better government and the institutions of democracy, which he loved so well, were not limited to the faithful performance of official duties.

He went out of his way to help those less fortunate than himself. He was generous with his time and talent. With an open heart and hand, he was a constant source of comfort and ministration to those in need of assistance.

DANIEL RONAN was a man who did his own thinking. Forming his own opinions only after careful investigation, he was firm and fearless in defending his conclusions when once they were formed. When he felt called upon to defend what he believed to be right, or to expose what seemed to him wrong, he did so with all the power of his great intellect, regardless of the consequences to himself.

My dear friend DAN RONAN was a splendid example of that noblest work of God—an honest man. He was honest in his public and private obligations, honest and sincere in his convictions, honest and faithful in the performance of every duty.

Let us who survive him emulate his virtues and profit by the bright example which he has left us.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, Congressman DANIEL J. RONAN was a friend of mine. We spent many hours together as fellow Members of the House, and I will always look back on those occasions with keen pleasure, with great nostalgia. That he was taken so unexpectedly from his family, his friends, his colleagues here in the House, and the Nation which he served is a great tragedy.

DAN RONAN was a warm, generous dedicated man whose compassion and sense of justice won for him the respect of all who knew him. Though his term of service in the House spanned only 5 years, he had already established a reputation for fairness and candor in handling his official duties.

DAN RONAN was a Representative who provided forward looking, progressive leadership to his district and his Nation. Before his election to the Congress he was an alderman for 13 years and served in that office in an exceptionally able fashion.

When he died, he was still a young man with much to offer and our country will be poorer because he is gone.

Personally, I feel his loss very deeply. I will not forget his ready smile and his hearty handshake, his understanding and his sense of humor. DAN RONAN was a good man, a man who cared about people and about his country. I will miss him very much.

Mr. ERLENBORN. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I speak of the death of my Illinois colleague, Representative DANIEL J. RONAN, of Chicago.

It is difficult, sometimes, for people to understand how legislators can have friends among the opposition; but these are people who have not known DAN RONAN. He was a quiet, hard-working Member of Congress who enjoyed the respect of those who knew him—those on both sides of the aisle.

His sudden passing came as a shock. It grieves me to realize that we shall see him no more.

Mr. STAGGERS. Mr. Speaker, an extraordinarily honorable and useful career in public service was brought to an untimely end on August 13, 1969, with the death of DAN RONAN. The House was shocked by the news of his passing just after it had recessed for the summer intermission. In all humility we offer this belated expression of deep sympathy to his sorrowing mother, to his legion of admiring friends, and to his constituents in the great city of Chicago, who had been so capably and brilliantly served by him in a number of prominent posts. They will all miss him, as all of us do in this legislative assembly of the Nation.

Like many of his colleagues in the House of Representatives, DAN RONAN began his public service in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II—specifically in the Air Force, which attracted so many of the gifted youth of our country in that unfortunate episode of human vanity and arrogance brought into being by the enemies of freedom across the seas. As an expert cryptographer, he filled a delicate and responsible position in the Asian theater during most of the war.

Returning to civil life, he was almost immediately called upon to serve his district in the State Legislature of Illinois. In 1951 he was elected alderman in Chicago, and in that position he busied himself with the problems of the big city for 13 years. Having established a reputation as an indefatigable and selfless worker for the general good, it was only natural that his people should ask him to represent them in Washington, where he came at the opening of the 89th Congress.

The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee was fortunate in having Congressman RONAN take a seat on the committee. His intimate and extensive knowledge of the problems of urban transportation and communication were peculiarly useful in the numerous legislative proposals for their solution. What might be termed a hobby with him was an attempt to work out some practical answer to the vital need for mass transportation in a crowded city such as Chicago. Other areas in which he provided useful information to the committee included the improvement of railway facilities, passenger safety, and improved television reception. With other Members, he took the lead in the attempt to bar transcontinental air flights from National Airport in Washington.

We shall sadly miss his genial and friendly disposition as well as his wise counsel. His associates unite in ascribing to him "strength without arrogance, courage without ferocity, the virtues of a man without his vices." And we shall carry with us throughout the coming years "that best portion of a good man's life; his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

Mr. O'NEILL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning for DANIEL RONAN. We, in the House, the people of his district, and all of the Nation have lost a responsible and dedicated Representative.

DAN RONAN was always interested in government. He served on the local level as a State representative and alderman. As a Congressman, he constantly strove for better living and working conditions for the people living in Chicago's west side. He sought to lighten their daily burdens and, at the same time, sought long-range solutions to complex urban problems. The people in these areas knew that they had a friend in DAN RONAN.

Appropriately, he spent much time delving into transportation problems, not only to help Chicago, but the entire country. These problems were not just part of his job, but real problems which deeply concerned him personally.

With our big cities in such turmoil today, our Nation certainly could not afford to lose his talent. I offer my sympathy to his family and friends. We all miss him and his contributions to our work.

Mrs. REID of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, those of us from the State of Illinois were particularly saddened to learn of the passing on August 13 of our colleague, DANIEL J. RONAN.

DAN RONAN was serving his third term in the House of Representatives and he had earned the respect, friendship, and admiration of all who knew him. He was highly regarded for his work on the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Prior to his election to the Congress he had served for 13 years as an alderman, city of Chicago, and as a State representative. To the people of his district, State, and Nation he was, in the best sense, a public servant; and his loss will be deeply felt.

DANIEL RONAN was the kind of man who gave himself unsparingly to his work and yet always had an equal amount of devotion for his

friends and colleagues. We mourn him and shall miss him. I extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. MIKVA. Mr. Speaker, DAN RONAN was a gentle soul. His smile and his greeting were always easy. There was almost a shyness about him, a surprising quality for one who had been as successful in the political arena as had DAN RONAN. In fact, the easygoing nature was a part of his political reputation. Nobody disliked DAN RONAN; he never gave anyone any cause.

DAN RONAN served at every level of government—State, local, and Federal. His views were formed in those crucibles, and he was an urban Congressman in the best sense of the word. He was aware that the big cities of our country could not make it alone. He was aware that State government had limited wherewithal to help solve urban problems. The sprawling constituency, city and suburban, that DAN RONAN represented was fortunate to have his wise voice in the councils of this Congress.

I had special reason to be grateful to DAN RONAN. As the next most junior member of our delegation, he seemed especially conscious and aware of the adjustment problems of a freshman Congressman. His encouragement and kindness were muchly appreciated in these early days of my first term, and will be sorely missed.

The gentle Congressman from the Sixth District of Illinois is no longer with us, and we are all the poorer for losing him.

Mr. HANLEY. Mr. Speaker, like most of my colleagues, I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of my good friend, DAN RONAN, of Illinois, last month. A gentle, witty, and generous person, he was at the same time a skilled and humane legislator.

DAN and I came to Congress together in January of 1965, and in the intervening years we became good friends. He was always conscious of his role not only as a Member of Congress but more importantly as a human being who had an obligation to other human beings. He was one of the kindest men it has been my pleasure to know.

Death, as we are told, comes like a thief in the night. But when it strikes one close to us, one who is in the prime of his life and career, it carries with it a certain added element of shock and disbelief. Such, of course, was the reaction to DAN RONAN's passing.

I join with my colleagues and his legion of many friends and admirers in extending my prayers and sympathy to his beloved mother and family.

Mr. RAILSBACK. Mr. Speaker, I am most proud to be able to say that I was associated with DANIEL RONAN. He was a very humble and unassuming man who was held in high esteem by me and all of his colleagues who knew him. He was attentive and industrious so far as his legislative work was concerned, and the State of Illinois and our country will sorely miss his fine talents.

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the people of Chicago and the Nation lost an unusually fine legislator with the untimely death of DAN RONAN. He was my friend and my colleague on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. As you have said, Mr. Speaker, he was "one of the most dedicated Members of the House." DAN RONAN, suddenly taken from us at the early age of 55, was the kind of man who was never too busy to work with the people and to sit down with them and discuss their problems. He was a truly dedicated public servant and his death is a great personal loss to me. Mr. Speaker, I include the following Community Publications editorial on the death of DAN RONAN:

CONGRESSMAN RONAN—FRIEND TO ALL

In the untimely death of Cong. DANIEL J. RONAN the sixth district of the West Side has lost one of its most popular, effective and conscientious public officials of the post-World War II era.

We at Community Publications feel the loss deeply because we worked closely with him on many public projects, particularly when he was alderman of the 30th ward. He was always eager to lend his considerable effort to a worthy project suggested by someone else and by the same token others, including this newspaper, had no trouble whipping up enthusiasm for a project he proposed because it was always in the public interest and deserving of everyone's support.

Though he could handle himself well as a public speaker when the occasion demanded, Cong. RONAN was not one who attempted to sway Congress, the City council or the General Assembly—all of whose hallowed halls in which he served—by mere oratory.

While others talked, Cong. RONAN was digging up facts and figures, consulting with individuals on a personal, man-to-man basis or calmly taking part in a committee discussion of issues.

His willingness to listen to all sides of all questions and his quiet manner in making his own views felt won Cong. RONAN a legion of friends. It was in this

area that he gained his wide popularity as a political leader and his effectiveness as a public official.

This was particularly evident in his home ward, the 30th, where in recent years he had demonstrated his ability to deal fairly with both races. He earned and received the respect of everyone and it was no accident that his ward escaped most of the conflict that broke out in other wards of the city with a similar makeup.

It is a tragedy, indeed, that Cong. RONAN was struck down at the comparatively young age of 55. For while he had risen to a considerable height in the political field, there are many who feel that his skill in the art of government would have carried him even further. We are among those who share this view. Certainly he was on the threshold of his career in Congress, where he was just gaining the seniority necessary to earn the important committee assignments.

In his 14 years as 30th ward alderman, Cong. RONAN was responsible for a virtual face-lifting of the ward. It was during this time that installation of a modern sewer system was completed, extensive street lighting installed, streets resurfaced, and several small parks created. He was most active in his support of youth programs, a fact which caused the Lexon league to name their baseball park in his honor.

Cong. RONAN's death will come as a heavy blow to his aged mother, to whom he had been devoted. To her and other members of the family we extend our deepest sympathy.

We hope the residents of the 30th ward, the 30th Ward Democratic organization of which he was committeeman, and the Sixth district will do as well in picking his successor as they did when they selected him as their leader. Cong. RONAN's will be hard shoes to fill.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of loss that I join today in mourning the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable DANIEL J. RONAN.

I was privileged to know DAN as a warm friend, whose counsel I valued greatly. He was a man of outstanding ability, deep compassion, and courage. It was these qualities that stamped his service in the House, and endeared him to his constituency. Throughout his tenure, DAN gave completely of himself in order to try to bring fulfillment to the high ideals which motivated him, and earned the respect and admiration of all who had the good fortune of working with him. In knowing DAN RONAN, all our lives were made more meaningful.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, our late colleague DAN RONAN, whose untimely death occurred during the August recess, served his country well in war and peace. He had 4 years in active duty with the Army Air Corps in World War II. His political career began in 1948

with his election as State representative and he subsequently served as a Chicago alderman before his first election to Congress in 1964.

I came to know DAN well during our service together on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. We belonged to different parties, but our political preferences never affected our cordial personal relationship. DAN's passing is a great loss to our committee and to the Illinois delegation.

Mr. COLLIER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow and condolences to the family of my good friend DANIEL J. RONAN, who passed away on August 13.

The contributions which DAN made in his active and very successful political career have been well documented by others who have spoken before me today. It is a record of which his family and many friends and associates can be justifiably proud. But I shall personally cherish his memory in terms of the quiet sense of dedication in which he pursued his duties and responsibilities in public life.

DAN RONAN was as fine a gentleman as any man I have met in my lifetime, either in or outside of the political arena. He was a man of compassion, yet one who never compromised his convictions. He was particularly interested in youth and did much to help young people through his personal efforts and financial contributions to various recreational and educational activities.

I shall miss DAN as an esteemed colleague in the U.S. House of Representatives and as a friend for whom I held the highest regard from the time it was my privilege and pleasure to know him.

Mr. MURPHY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of DANIEL J. RONAN, who represented the Sixth District of Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives.

DANIEL RONAN was born in the city of Chicago and educated in its parochial schools. During World War II, he served his country as a cryptographer in the China-Burma-India theater with the Army Air Force. Upon his return from service, he did postgraduate work at Loyola University and in 1948 was elected representative to the Illinois State Assembly. As a State assemblyman, he distinguished himself by working to promote stronger laws on narcotics and gun control.

Congressman RONAN and I became friends while we served together in the Chicago City Council. He was elected to the council in 1951 and was appointed to the committee on planning and housing of which I was chairman. He served as my vice chairman and I also appointed him chairman of a special subcommittee on housing. In 1964, after 14 years on the city council, DANIEL RONAN was elected to the U.S. Congress. He was reelected in 1966 and again in 1968. For a number of years, we also represented our respective wards on the Cook County Democratic Central Committee. Throughout my many years of association with DANIEL RONAN, I developed a deep and abiding respect for his talents and legislative abilities.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Murphy joins me in extending condolences to his mother and sisters on the loss of this great American.

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, a good friend and colleague has departed from us. DAN RONAN, a distinguished Representative from my own State of Illinois, is no longer with us. He will be sorely missed, not only by his constituents in the Sixth District, whom he so ably served, but also by those of us in the House of Representatives who were privileged to serve with him.

Although DAN RONAN was not of the same political party as I, nevertheless we were both members of the same team from the State of Illinois. DAN was an especially valuable friend and counselor to the members of the delegation. In the few years that he was with us, he was always alert to serve the needs of the people who elected him.

He had dedicated his whole life to public service. Like many of us, he was a veteran of World War II. Later, he gained a keen knowledge of local administration and urban problems from his service with the city of Chicago. Beginning in 1965, he continued his distinguished career of public service in this body.

The city of Chicago, the people of Illinois, and all Americans have lost a truly dedicated public servant.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join in respectful tribute to our late colleague, DANIEL J. RONAN. He and I shared many things in common as well as our service in the 89th, 90th, and 91st Congresses.

Our earliest association was in the Illinois General Assembly where we served together from 1951 to 1952. During this term he was elected to the Chicago City Council and did not return to the general assembly.

During my service as chairman of the State senate's committee on highways and traffic regulations, he was chairman of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Traffic and Public Safety. Our interests remained congenial and we had reason to work together for the public benefit.

DAN RONAN came to the 89th Congress one term after I had been elected to the 88th. We were fortunate enough to be reelected so that we came to this 91st Congress at the same time. Outside the walls of this Chamber, we met frequently and discussed our mutual interest in crime prevention, stronger laws on narcotics and gun control, transportation regulations, and improved airline service between Washington and the State of Illinois. We had long been interested in urban and regional planning—he as a member of the Chicago Plan Commission and I as a supporter of the Northeastern Illinois Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. And so we talked about our home communities for whose betterment we were working.

Mr. Speaker, DAN RONAN left his work, his thinking and planning suddenly. He left to those of us who knew him well the legacy of conscientious application to his responsibilities as a citizen and a public official—in the Chicago City Council, the Illinois General Assembly, and the Congress of the United States.

Family and friends from Illinois and around the Nation mourn the passing of Congressman DANIEL J. RONAN. To his bereaved mother and beloved sisters, I extend my sympathy and affection.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I join my colleagues in the House today in paying tribute to the late Congressman DANIEL J. RONAN, from the Sixth District of Illinois. It is a tragedy that DAN RONAN was struck down at the comparatively young age of 55.

He was elected at age 34 to represent the district of the Chicago West Side in the Illinois General Assembly. This post he held until 1951, when he was elected alderman from the 30th ward to the Chicago City Council. He served with distinction in that body for 14 years. As an alderman, he was one of the most popular, effective, and conscientious public officials of the post World War II era.

Upon his election to the 89th Congress in 1964, he was assigned to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and in turn to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics, of

which I have the honor of being chairman. In committee work we have the opportunity to know and evaluate each other. More often than not, I found DAN RONAN quietly digging up facts and figures, and at all times willing to listen to all sides of all questions, before making up his mind.

It is true that he had risen to a considerable height in the political field, but many felt that his skill in the legislative field would have carried him even further. Certainly he was on the threshold of his career in Congress, where he was just gaining the seniority necessary to earn important committee assignments.

Congressman RONAN's death came as a great shock to all of us who served with him. Mrs. Friedel and I extend our deepest sympathy to his mother and other members of his family.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES
IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADDRESS BY HON. MARIO BIAGGI

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, I wish at this time to pay tribute to our late colleague, the Honorable DANIEL RONAN of Illinois.

Congressman RONAN was a dedicated public servant and an able worker, a loyal patriot, and a generous friend to all who knew him. His life was a testimony to the faith which Americans have traditionally placed in the merits of the democratic process.

A native of Illinois, Congressman RONAN did graduate work at Loyola University, before serving with the Air Force in the Second World War.

Elected to the position of Illinois State Representative in 1948, and reelected to that office in 1950, he was elected as Chicago alderman in 1951, serving in that office until his election to the U.S. Congress in 1964.

Having majored in economics and political history in his undergraduate program at Loyola, Congressman RONAN's training and interests were admirably suited to his work in the House of Representatives, where he was highly regarded for his work on the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics, of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

He was the kind of man who gave himself unsparingly to his work and yet always had an equal amount of devotion for his friends and colleagues. He not only represented his constituents conscientiously, but gave to all who knew and worked with him a sense of his humane and generous nature.

We are deprived by his death not only of his intellectual acuity, his thorough knowledge, and his confident ability, but also of his diligence, his patience, his warmhearted integrity.

He earned the affection and admiration of all of us; we mourn him and shall miss him.

ADDRESS BY HON. LESLIE C. ARENDS

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, during the recent vacation recess of the Congress one of our distinguished colleagues, Congressman DAN RONAN, of Illinois, was called to his great reward. This was a great shock to all of us when we learned of his passing.

It is difficult for one to understand why a person so young, so able, and so eager to serve the people should be suddenly taken from us.

Congressman RONAN was only 55 years of age. For 2 years he served in the Illinois State Assembly and until his election to Congress was alderman in the city of Chicago. For 13 years he represented the 30th ward in the city council.

DAN and I were of opposite political faiths. Very few major issues came before the Congress on which he and I were in agreement. His philosophy of government was not the same as mine. Nonetheless, I respected him for his views and I am sure he respected me for mine. While we differed on various legislative matters, we were as one in seeking to do what we considered best for the State of Illinois and for our country.

DAN will be long remembered by all who had the privilege to know him. He was a dedicated public servant. He will be greatly missed in the Congress.

I extend my personal sympathy to his mother and his two sisters.

ADDRESS BY HON. HALE BOGGS

OF LOUISIANA

Mr. Speaker, permit me to join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in honoring the memory of our good friend and colleague, Congressman DANIEL RONAN, of Illinois.

The State of Illinois—and indeed the United States—lost a devoted and able leader with the tragic and untimely passing of Congressman DAN RONAN.

I was in DAN RONAN's home city of Chicago when the sad news of his death reached me, and I was a witness to the great sense of loss which swept over that great city.

A great loss it was, for DAN RONAN had devoted most of his adult life in the able service of his city, his State, and his Nation, and the people of Chicago knew it.

As a member of the armed services during World War II, as an Illinois State representative, as an alderman of the city of Chicago, and finally as the Congressman of the Sixth District of Illinois, DAN RONAN gave generously of his rich resources of leadership.

I think it appropriate that we remember DAN RONAN for what he was: a gifted and compassionate human being who devoted his life to the service of his fellow man, a public official who dedicated his life to the precept that American institutions can and will work, if people care enough.

DAN RONAN was a gifted leader who cared about people and for this reason his loss is especially grevious. This Nation can never have enough DAN RONAN's.

Mrs. Boggs joins me in mourning the loss of a good friend and a remarkable man.

ADDRESS BY HON. WM. J. RANDALL

OF MISSOURI

Mr. Speaker, for some reason I did not learn of the special order of yesterday, Tuesday, September 9, when our colleagues eulogized our dear departed friend from Illinois, DANIEL J. RONAN. I regret I was not on the floor to join in paying tribute to his life and accomplishments. However, it is not too late to express my words of tribute to my friend, who was a distinguished Member of the House of Representatives and enjoyed a wide popularity among his fellow Members.

Although DAN at the time of his passing had served for only a few years, he made an imprint upon the minds and hearts of those

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who knew him. I say this is true because he possessed that rare quality of peace of mind which showed through into a continuously pleasant and cheerful disposition.

It was not my privilege to serve with him upon any of his committee assignments. I only knew him as a Member with whom I enjoyed visiting while sitting on the floor of the House. I can truthfully report in every instance after a conversation with DAN, I came away feeling better and with a more optimistic outlook. So frequently one of our fellow colleagues will say to us when we are engaged in thought over a serious matter and with a frown on our face, "cheer up. It just cannot be that bad." It was that kind of a statement DAN so frequently made to his colleagues. I think this attitude best reflects his great heart and spirit of optimism.

He was burdened with all the cares of office that the rest of us have. He had to make the same decisions as each of us. His headaches, I am sure, were as great as any of ours. But I shall remember DAN RONAN with a pleasant memory of one who refused to take to take himself so seriously as to indulge in a pessimistic attitude toward his problems or the problems of his office.

Because of DAN's outlook on life and the counsel that he so frequently gave to those of us with whom he talked, he will be missed more than we now realize. His departure from our midst will be a loss to all of us. I am sure I am right in this appraisal because he seemed to be able to pass on to those around him his own peace of mind.

Now that he is gone those of us who survive him should find it worthwhile to emulate his virtue of optimism and to try to follow the example he provided for us. I join with my colleagues in extending sympathy to his dear mother and family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN B. ANDERSON

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, recently, I lost a dear friend and a colleague, a valued member of the Illinois congressional delegation, the Honorable DANIEL J. RONAN. DAN came to Congress in 1965, after a long and

distinguished career in the government of our home State of Illinois. He served first for two terms as a State representative and then as an alderman for the city of Chicago from 1951 until 1954. Here in the Congress DAN proved an able and effective member of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

His sudden and untimely death sincerely saddened all of us who had worked with him and who had grown to respect him over the past 5 years. To his mother, Mrs. Justina Ronan, go my personal and deepest sympathies.

ADDRESS BY HON. DOMINICK V. DANIELS

OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow over the passing of our friend DAN RONAN of Illinois.

DAN was a quiet man. He worked studiously representing the interests of his constituents in Washington. He had been active in politics most of his working life as an alderman and as a representative in his State legislature. He understood the rigors and responsibilities of a political career.

He had been with us in the House only 3 years. We knew him as a friendly man, eager to learn when he first joined us and eager to help in the difficult work after he learned the ropes. His main concern always, was to represent his people as effectively as he could.

DAN RONAN was a good legislator. We need such men and we shall miss him very much.

Mrs. Daniels and I extend to the members of the family of the late DAN RONAN our sincere condolences.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN J. ROONEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, it was a profound shock to learn of the untimely death of the Honorable DANIEL J. RONAN who for the past 5 years so ably represented the people of the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois. Although DAN RONAN was just midway through his third term in this body he had devoted his lifetime to public service. At 34, in 1948, he was elected to the Illinois General Assembly where he served 3 years until he was elected alderman in the city of Chicago. He spent the next 14 years serving in that municipal capacity until he was elected to this House of Representatives. DAN was a quiet and unassuming man with an infectious sense of humor and wit that will be missed. We shall all miss him. To his loving mother and sisters and family I extend our deepest sympathy and prayers in their great loss.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT H. MICHEL

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, it certainly was shocking news that came to us during the recent recess that our good and dear friend DAN RONAN had succumbed to a heart attack. When last we saw one another several days prior to the recess, he looked so hale and hearty and we greeted one another with the usual jovial hello. DAN worked hard here in a rather quiet, but effective and efficient way. He did not crave the spotlight nor was he of a flamboyant nature, but with his colleagues from Illinois particularly, he had the friendliest way about him. One could not help but engage him in conversation whether it be serious or lighthearted and we learned to love him. He seemed to be building a following for the future and it is hard to realize that he has actually been taken from us. We in Illinois have been grievously struck with the deaths in recent weeks of the late Senator Everett Dirksen, our House colleague, Barratt O'Hara, and now with the passing of DAN RONAN. We certainly are going to miss DAN, and I want to join in extending my deepest sympathy to his mother and his two sisters.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS M. REES

OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the death of my good friend, DAN RONAN.

Having served his city as an alderman and his State as a legislator for many years, DAN was eminently qualified to come to Congress in 1965. DAN and I became friends as freshmen Members of the "class of 89" seeking to understand the complicated procedures of Congress. The Sixth District of Illinois was fortunate indeed to have this dedicated and hardworking Representative, and I do know this kindly man.

Dan's specialty was the field of transportation. His skillful leadership and enlightenment helped lead the way toward more definitive transportation policies in our country concerning railway and airport facilities and passenger safety. Urban problems specific to Chicago were his greatest concern, of course, but his generous nature and public spirit extended the scope of his interests to related conditions nationwide.

Death came suddenly for DANIEL RONAN but long will he be remembered by his deeds as delegate at the city, State, and national levels as well as by the meaning he had for us as a friend.

PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *September 3, 1969.*

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. Mr. President, I submit a resolution on behalf of myself and the able Senators from Illinois (Mr. Dirksen and Mr. Percy) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The resolution (S. Res. 252) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable DANIEL J. RONAN, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the third resolving clause of the resolution (S. Res. 252), the Senate now stands adjourned, under the previous order, until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 4, 1969, at 12 noon.

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